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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORDUM: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SONNENFELDT

1. WHEN I SPOKE TO THE GERMANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH TODAY ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH LUNS OVER QUADRIpartite CONSULTATIONS, VON STADEN ASKED WHETHER I COULD TELL THEM ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR TALKS WITH BHUTTO YESTERDAY. I MERELY SAID I UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF DETENTE AND OF NUCLEAR MATTERS. WOULD IT BE AGREEABLE TO YOU IF I REVIEW THE MEMCON WITH WINSTON AND GIVE THE GERMANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS THE GIST OF WHAT TRANSPIRED?

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2. ON THE LUNS MATTER, I GAVE THE THREE A RUNDOWN ON

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WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND TOLD THEM THAT STREATOR AND HAIG IN

TALKS WITH LUNS TODAY SEEM TO HAVE CALMED HIM DOWN AND HE NOW IS QUIET. I TOLD THEM THAT I DID NOT THINK THEY NEEDED TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN REPORT THE EPISODE TO THEIR POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

3. GELB CALLED LATE IN THE DAY TO ASK IN HIS INIMITABLE WAY WHETHER IKLE'S COMMENTS ON CRUISE MISSILE VERIFICATION DID NOT MAKE NONSENSE OF THE PROPOSALS YOU HAD MADE IN MOSCOW. I GAVE GELB A LONG, INVOLVED AND HOPEFULLY CONFUSING EXPLANATION TO THE EFFECT THAT IKLE WAS ADDRESSING A SENATE RESOLUTION, WHICH DIFFERED MATERIALLY FROM POSSIBLE PROPOSALS BY THE GOVERNMENT OR FROM AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE REACHED. I SUSPECT, HOWEVER, GELB WILL WRITE AN ARTICLE USING THE IKLE COMMENTS TO CAST DOUBT ON AT LEAST PAST POSITIONS KNOWN TO HIM FROM EARLIER LEAKS. HE APPEARS NOT TO HAVE ABSORBED THE MEANING, IN VERIFICATION TERMS, OF COUNTING PLATFORMS RATHER THAN MISSILES; NOR DOES HE YET APPEAR TO KNOW ABOUT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT APPROACH. I AM REVIEWING IKLE'S TRANSCRIPT AND WILL SEND YOU FURTHER COMMENTS TOMORROW.

4. GELB ALSO STARTED QUESTIONING ME ABOUT YOUR AND MY REMARKS AT THE LONDON CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE; HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD BEEN SHOWN THE REPORTING CABLE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MAY WRITE BUT APPARENTLY HE IS TRYING TO DO A PIECE ON EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND ON OUR ALLEGED DESIRE TO HELP THE SOVIETS PRESERVE STABILITY IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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